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Quick Facts

- The festival begins with registration at 9:30 a.m. and is free.
- Guitar players of all levels are invited to attend.



Howard Paul



Jerry Sims

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Winthrop University's [Department of Music](#) will host a special **Guitar Ensemble Festival and Benedetto Guitar Day** on Saturday, Nov. 16, in the [Conservatory of Music](#). All guitar enthusiasts, from amateurs to experts, are welcome to attend the free event.

The day will be filled with workshops, exhibitors and performances, beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m.

Workshops include:

- **"Bb Blues Chord Voicings"** with [Associate Professor of Music L.H. Dickert](#), who teaches guitar, jazz history and theory at Winthrop, and also directs the guitar ensembles and jazz combos. 10 a.m., 120 Conservatory of Music.
- **"The Art of the Jazz Guitar Duo"** with [Jerry Sims](#) and [Howard Paul](#). Sims is a renowned 7-string guitarist who founded Sims Music and has 30 years of teaching experience. He is regularly seen in Just Jazz Guitar Magazine. Paul is the CEO of [Benedetto Guitars](#) and has led his trios and quartets, performing in Savannah's annual jazz and music festivals. 11 a.m., 120 Conservatory of Music.
- Master class with Howard Paul, [Dwight Spencer](#) of Benedetto Guitars and [Tom Hildreth](#), an adjunct professor of music at Winthrop. 4:45 p.m. in 120 CMUS.

An evening concert by Howard Paul and others in [Frances May Barnes Recital Hall](#) at 7:30 p.m. will cap off the day.

For a complete schedule, [visit the festival website](#). For more information, contact the Department of Music at 803/323-2255.

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